

PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Update

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NHDES is issuing these email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other PFCs in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm

Recent Press Releases:

Town of Litchfield: *Press release from the Litchfield, NH Board of Selectmen May 4, 2017:* The Litchfield Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (Saint-Gobain) has agreed to reconnect all outside spigot(s) and/or irrigation systems, to the extent practical and feasible, to residents' private wells. The original plan was to connect only one outside spigot/irrigation system; however, following the March 30, 2017 public meeting, Saint-Gobain has revised the Well Reuse Work Plan to allow homes to be connected to include all outside spigot(s) and/or irrigation systems. Saint-Gobain has hired C.T. Male Associates to manage the reconnection project. C.T. Male Associates will contact property owners early next week to begin scheduling work. Property owners can contact Jacob Gordon at j.gordon@ctmale.com or (518) 848-3533 for additional information.

The Litchfield Board of Selectmen also wishes to remind impacted property owners that Saint-Gobain has agreed to pay for all expenses associated with the connection to public water, decommissioning private wells and/or retaining private wells for nonpotable use. However, property owners must submit applications to Pennichuck Water by no later than *June 14, 2017*, to be eligible. Property owners will be responsible for all expenses to connect to public water, as well as the decommissioning or retention of their wells, if their election is not submitted by the June 14, 2017, deadline. Please contact Michelle Collins at Pennichuck Water Michelle.collins@pennichuck.com or (603) 577-0293 for more information.

The Litchfield Board of Selectmen is pleased that Saint-Gobain has agreed to reconnect all outside spigot(s) and/or irrigation system, to the extent practical and feasible, and wishes to thank all involved who continue to work on behalf of the Town of Litchfield to settle this complicated issue. For further information please contact Litchfield Town Administrator Troy Brown at tbrown@litchfieldnh.gov (603) 424-4046 X 1250.

Map:

NHDES is now posting our PFC sampling results on a GIS based map. The map allows users to zoom into particular areas of interest. To access the map, visit:

http://nhdes.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=66770bef141c43a98a445c54a17720e2&extent=-73.5743,42.5413,-69.6852,45.4489

Recent Public Meetings:

Videos of recent public meetings in Litchfield (March 30) and Bedford (May 9) are now available:

Litchfield: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJtVTremiWU

Bedford: http://trms.bedfordtv.com/Cablecast/public-site/index.html#/show/8072?channel=2

Note: The recent meeting in Amherst on May 2, was not videotaped. NHDES will be posting the powerpoint presentations on our investigation website under Public Meeting Presentations.

Public Water Sampling Results:

NHDES posted updated results for public water systems on May 3.

http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20170503.pdf

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability:

An updated list of eligible addresses was posted on May 25, under Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bottledwaterareas-20170425.pdf
Monadnock Mountain Spring Water will continue delivery of bottled water to eligible residents, however, due to the change in temperatures; they will no longer leave water outside. If regular deliveries are interrupted or if you need additional water, please contact Monadnock Mountain Spring Water DIRECTLY at (603) 654-2728. If you have any problems, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only).

Public Inquiries

If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFCs found in Southern NH drinking water, please call the Public Inquiry Line at (603) 271-9461 or visit http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm Also, please share this report with your interested family, neighbors or friends. Anyone interested in receiving the reports directly via email should email James Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer at james.martin@des.nh.gov

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